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ELMBRIDGE ARTS FOCUS

the guide to music, drama,
dance, visual arts and crafts
in the Borough of Elmbridge

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The Theatre in Thames Ditton

The Vera Fletcher Hall

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Thames Ditton

Box Office: 0844 884 8832 (tickets for most events also available
from Bradley + Brown, 50 High Street, Thames Ditton)

web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

Riverhouse

Manor Road

Walton on Thames

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Box Office: 01932 253354

web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

RC SHERRIFF TRUST NEWS

We had an extremely busy summer and autumn, with the art and writing projects for older people (which culminated in a well-received exhibition as part of the Walton Charity Community Day in September) and summer holiday arts activities for local children (this year on the theme of "Wind in the Willows"), running from the end of July through August.

The autumn began with a celebratory tea party in September to open the ceramic flower bed in the sensory garden at riverhouse, which had been created by local schools and families, with funding support from our Trust.

In October we picked up the pace again, with weekly singing sessions for older people in two different venues; and monthly art workshops developing the ideas and skills begun in the summer "From Plot to Plate" project.

The annual literary competition, this year on the theme of "Breaking the Barrier", closed on 21st October. We received 169 entries, far more than last year, including 'bulk' entries from seven schools, more than ever before, which was most encouraging. Three of the schools had benefited from creative writing workshops, subsidised by our Trust. As usual, the judges, all professional authors, had a very difficult job choosing the winners.

As I write this, we are about to begin the fourth Elmbridge Literature Festival, for two weeks in November, in which 16 professional authors will be delivering a range of talks and workshops on a variety of topics, in different venues around the borough, supplemented by performances by local theatre companies. As a prelude to the Festival proper, we held Writers' Workshops on three Thursdays in October at St George's Church, Esher; and drop-in workshops for families during half-term week at Brooklands Museum. The latter was a new partnership for us, but the

writing sessions proved so popular that we hope to be able to develop a longer programme there in the future.

The very successful arts programme for 2011, at St George's Church, subsidised by our Trust, came to an end with excellent workshops and exhibitions/installations by local artist, Rebecca Price ("The Colour of Music") and Epsom Contemporary Artists Network ("Thresholds"), during August and September, and a well attended "Big Draw" event on 8th October as the grand finale.

Fast & Loose Theatre Company and Hotbuckle Productions, both based at riverhouse, and supported by grants from our Trust, have put on excellent productions this autumn, of "Romeo and Juliet" with an energetic young cast, and a new adaptation of "Great Expectations" (which is touring nationally), respectively.

We will, as always, be helping with (and giving some financial support towards) the spectacular and increasingly popular lantern processions in November, which accompany the switching on of the Christmas lights in Walton and Cobham. By the time you read this, I hope you will have already been out on the streets enjoying yourselves and supporting these wonderful community occasions.

I cannot end 2011 without paying the Trust's respects to Richard Davis, Sheila Hurton and John Watford, who all sadly passed away this year, leaving the Elmbridge arts community considerably diminished. They had all made an invaluable contribution to the artistic life of the borough over many years and will be much missed.

It only remains for us to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Loretta Howells, Director **Sam Thompson, Administrator / Project Manager**

MOLESEY & DISTRICT ANTIQUES SOCIETY

The Society meets from October to June, with expert speakers presenting on an interesting variety of subjects. Visit www.moleseyantiques.org.uk or call 0208 398 1476 for full details.

Forthcoming events:

6th December: 'Antiques in The Bathroom'.

Bathrooms are a comparatively modern invention and interior designers and inventors have risen to the challenge of how to furnish them in often extraordinary ways!

10th January: 'Bedrooms, Banquets and Balls' with John Vigar

This talk looks at the development of the English country house and the people associated with them.

7th February: 'Wren's London'

with Tony Tucker

This talk looks at the range of Wren's work and some of his designs for London that were never implemented.

6th March: 'Antiques to do with Wine'

with Robin Butler

Our speaker has over 45 years experience dealing in fine antiques, specialising in wine-related items including decanters, corkscrews, labels, coasters and much more!

3rd April: 'Southwark Cathedral'

with John & Jo Brewer

Southwark cathedral - the oldest cathedral church in London - is probably the least well known; this talk covers the architecture, history and personalities associated with it.

8th May: 'Antique Jewellery'

with Cherry Warren

Our speaker specialises in jewels and dressing table items from Victorian, Art Nouveau and Art Deco periods.

5th June: 'The Scottish Colourists'

with Alan Hepburn

This talk covers the exciting and innovative work of the Scottish Colourists including J D Ferguson, S J Peploe and Leslie Hunter.

Times: 7:30pm for 8:00pm
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Contact: 020 8398 1476
Web: www.moleseyantiques.org.uk

WALTON ART CLUB

The Club meets every Wednesday evening from the beginning of September through to the end of May each year at Elm Grove Hall in Walton on Thames. The evenings start at 7pm and run until 10pm.

For full details visit www.waltonartclub.co.uk or email waltonartclub@hotmail.com.

Programme Dec 2011 - Mar 2012:

December 2011 - Theme: CHRISTMAS

7th Christmas Cards - any medium

14th Christmas Social

January 2012 - Theme: MUSIC

4th Pencils

11th Acrylics

18th Watercolour

25th Abstract

February 2012 - Theme: BOATS

1st Pastels - a demonstration by
Tiffany Budd

8th Pastels

15th Collage

22nd Watercolour

29th Charcoal

March 2012 - Theme: MOUNTAINS

7th Landscapes in Watercolour - a
 demonstration by **Jo Louca**

14th Mixed Media

21st Palette Knife Painting

28th Critique evening with guest artist

JULIAN FARRAR'S MORE THAN MEAT : A MASTERCLASS

Julian Farrar's drawings, seen in his exhibition **More Than Meat** at the Robert Phillips Gallery, collectively represent the captivity we suffer and the joy we experience through thinking. His work is extraordinary and exquisite. This evening he presents a masterclass for ages 17+. No previous experience necessary - don't miss this opportunity!

Date: 8th March
Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £10
Box Office: 01932 253354

THAMES VALLEY ART SOCIETY

Lectures take place at the Vera Fletcher Hall in Thames Ditton monthly on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm – 4pm. Guests are always welcome at a cost of £5 per lecture. Exhibitions and other events take place at different venues. Please see below or contact **Michael Hart** on 0208 398 6822 or email hart579@btinternet.com for full details.

Forthcoming Events:

24th January

“**The Changing Face**” - Portraiture from ancient times to the present day; an illustrated lecture by **Mike Smith**.

21st February

“**An afternoon of lively comment and criticism**” with **Keith Fowles**. All members are invited to bring **two** framed pictures each

20th March

“**Fantasy Painting**” A demonstration by **Sharon Hurst**

3rd – 14th April

SPRING EXHIBITION - BOURNE HALL, EWELL

Entry is free and all work is for sale

28th April

“**Painting heads**” a lighthearted portrait workshop with **Keith Morton** at **Surbiton Library Annexe** from 12noon to 5:00pm.

Members £15, Visitors £20; book in advance with Rosemary Wagner on 0208 546 2451

22nd May

Sketching Afternoon with **Bob Meecham** at **Ham Common**. Make your own way to the New Inn pub for lunch, prior to starting at 2.00pm.

Visitors are welcome to join in at £10 each.

MOLESEY ART SOCIETY

Molesey Art Society's 2011/12 programme continues through the winter months with some new names for our Friday evening talks and demonstrations and our Saturday afternoon studio sessions.

The Society, which provides a forum for all – painters and non painters – to discuss, attend lectures and painting workshops and to exhibit their work, meets at St Alban's School, Beauchamp Road, East Molesey, KT8 2PG.

For details and all enquiries please contact the Secretary on 01372 462978.

New members are always welcome.

~~~ Spring Exhibition ~~~

Exhibition of members' latest work including paintings, sculpture and ceramics.

Many of our members are professionals who also exhibit in galleries, and most of the work is for sale.

5th-10th April 2012

Thursday, Friday, Monday 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday and Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Tuesday 2:00pm - 5:00pm

St Alban's Primary School, Beauchamp Road, East Molesey KT8 2PG

THE FOUNTAIN GALLERY www.fountaingallery.co.uk

26 Bridge Rd, Hampton Court, East Molesey, KT8 9HA

Tel: 020 8941 5865

Open Tuesday - Sunday 11:30am - 5:30pm

Located in a delightful shopping street just across the bridge from Hampton Court Palace, The Fountain Gallery is a cooperative of 22 artists offering an exciting programme of exhibitions throughout the year. Visitors to the gallery will have an opportunity to meet the artists showing their work.



Forthcoming exhibitions:

06-23 December: Group Christmas Exhibition

A celebration of the work of all the artists in the Fountain Gallery Group with specially painted pieces in aid of St. Mark's Hospital Foundation.



17- 29 January
Guest Artist **Eileen Martin**

31 January to 12 February
Guest Artist **Maria O'Neill**

02-15 January: 'Resolutions' Bev Bartlett, Marion Deacon, Henriette van der Does and Sue Roche

Private viewing 7th January from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
Contact Marion Deacon on 07772442574 or email mariondeacon@btinternet.com



14-26 February
John Dobbs
Oil paintings, worked from drawings completed on site.

27 February – 11 March
Guest Artist *to be announced*



13 – 25 March
Christine Savage & Guests
Elegant Jewellery with semi-precious stones

For full details of all exhibitions visit www.fountaingallery.co.uk

OXSHOTT ART & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Membership is open to anyone living in or around the area of Oxshott who is interested in art and crafts, whether a practising artist or an interested spectator. We meet on the second Tuesday evening of most months at Oxshott Village Centre in Holtwood Road.

During the year we put on an Annual Spring Exhibition attracting hundreds of very high quality entries.

In addition we organise visits on an artistic theme, we run workshops and painting courses throughout the year and we have regular demonstrations, talks, workshops, exhibitions and practical painting sessions.

Call 01372 844 853 for details.

OXSHOTT ART & CRAFTS SOCIETY

The Simple Gallery Esher
Small but attractive gallery space in C18th Meeting House garden. Suitable for art and craft displays.
Call for details and hire rates
01372 464881

MOLESEY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

We are a small friendly club with an impressive history of fifty years. We welcome members of all abilities; beginner or more experienced, or whether you work in film or digital. Our mutual aim is the enjoyment and improvement of our photography and our varied programme of talks, competitions and workshops supports this.

We meet at 8:00pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Bell Road, East Molesey on the second and fourth Tuesday in each month from September until June. Prospective new members are warmly invited to join us for one or two meetings before making a commitment to join. Just come along and someone will be on hand to welcome you.

For full details, including our programme of forthcoming events, please visit our website.

Dates: We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from September to June

Time: 7:30pm to 8:00pm start

Venue: St. Mary's Church Hall, St. Mary's Road, East Molesey, KT8 0SS.

Web: www.moleseyphotographicclub.co.uk



For up-to-date details of what's on in Elmbridge visit
www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk

MOLESEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 2007 and now has 300 members and holds a varied programme of events throughout the year including talks by outside speakers, a summer walk, a talk at the Clore Centre at Hampton Court Palace, and at least one meeting a year researched and presented by members of the Society. Next year we shall be researching "**Sport on the Hurst**" for a meeting in September.



Forthcoming events:

31st January: Imber Court – A Stately Home for Horses. Chris Forester will talk about the history of Imber Court, East Molesey.

9th-10th March: Life in Molesey during World War II – an exhibition to be mounted at the Royal British Legion in East Molesey.

25th April: Dickens and the Thames, a talk by Dr David Parker, former curator of the Dickens Society, will follow our AGM.

For more information about the Society:

Visit www.moleseyhistorysociety.org

Email historysociety@btinternet.com

Telephone 020 8979 3465

Or write to:

MLHS Membership Secretary
 17 Matham Road
 East Molesey
 Surrey KT8 0SX.

riverhouse

Tel: 01932 253354

www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

**THE ROBERT PHILLIPS GALLERY and CAFÉ-BAR
at riverhouse****Wednesday-Saturday 11:00am - 4:00pm Sunday 2:30pm - 4:30pm****Admission Free**

The Robert Phillips Gallery is a dramatic display space with an exciting programme of contemporary visual arts. The gallery shows a full, varied programme of innovative art that includes selections from national touring exhibitions and cutting edge work by international artists. The gallery also supports local artists, introduces up-and-coming artists and graduating students and from time to time it organizes open submission exhibitions.

The CAFE BAR GALLERY at riverhouse

The Cafe Bar Gallery at riverhouse mounts regular exhibitions on a variety of themes by local and nationally-known artists. Exhibitions change frequently; for a full programme please contact Riverhouse on 01932 253354.

Opening times: Wednesday - Saturday 11:00am - 4:00pm, Sunday 2:30pm to 4:30pm unless otherwise stated.

riverhouse CRAFTSPACE

The Craftspace by the gallery is filled with an array of high quality work produced by members of the Surrey Guild of Craftsmen. With the collection changing every 10 weeks there is ample opportunity to view and purchase high quality work including ceramics, jewellery, wood, textiles and glass.

ART, CRAFT & SEWING CLASSES

For children and young people. Experienced Art Teacher, Designer and Illustrator. Small groups, parties and private lessons. Holidays, after school and weekends available. Portfolio for Art Scholarship places 100% success so far.

For details contact **Jo Thompson** on 01932 267492 or email thompson-jo@sky.com

ART CLASSES for the Over 50s

Local artist and tutor Patti Richards delivers regular weekly art classes specifically for the over 50's. The classes, in drawing and painting in watercolour, cover many subjects and are designed to suit all levels of ability. People with disabilities, absolute beginners and those with more advanced skills are all welcome to join Patti's friendly classes.

Dates: Every Wednesday **Time:** 10:00am - 11:30am
Venue: Walton Day Centre, Manor Road, Walton on Thames, KT12 2PB
Cost: Details not submitted. Please contact for details.
Details: Contact the Day Centre Office on 01932 247549

ST. GEORGE'S ARTS

Richenda Court : Dance Signatures : 8th March - 26th April

Following the success of 'The Colour of Music' last year, we present another crossover project for 2012, this time bringing together **art** and **dance**. This exciting residency will follow artist **Richenda Court** as she explores the relationship between movement and visual art, through printmaking.



Richenda, who studied both fine art and dance at Brighton University, will be inviting dancers into St George's Church, running workshops for local secondary schools, and using the residency to push her own work into a new dimension. Her studio will be open to the public each Friday, and here you are welcome to watch her work progressing, and even take part yourself.

Launch Exhibition: Thurs 8th March 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Admission: Free

Residency: 9th March - 26th April

Open Studio: Every Friday, 10:00am – 2:30pm (except 6th April)

Saturdays 17th March and 21st April, 10:00am – 5:00pm

Free

Admission: Free

Final exhibition: Thurs 26th April, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Admission: Free

Contact tel: 01372 464881 / 07799 107108

To find out more about these and other events at St. George's Arts
please call 01372 464881

or visit stgeorgesarts.wordpress.com

You can also email St. George's Arts at stgeorgesarts@btinternet.com

St George's Church is near the junction of Claremont Lane (the A244) and Esher Park Avenue behind the Bear Public House. The nearest Bus stop is on Esher High Street (2 mins). There is parking directly outside (including disabled parking) or a pay car park at the Civic Centre (5 mins). Walk to St George's from the car park via a path next to the Library. Additional parking (free in the evenings) can be found on the other side of Claremont Lane.

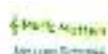
Coming next! watch out for

Modern Madonnas

A contemporary take on motherhood, by a group of groundbreaking local artists.

Did you know that you can hire **St George's Church** for your event? A wedding blessing, a rehearsal or private function, for example? For details please visit www.stgeorgeseshesher.org or telephone 01372 464370 / 465

St George's is open to visit at other times besides the ones advertised; please visit the website or call to check opening times.
On Saturdays from 11:00am to 3:00pm between April and October; guides can show you round this historic building.



Contacts

If you are looking for an Artist, or an Arts or Crafts club or society in Elmbridge, see below.

Full details of all these entries can be found on the RC Sherriff Trust website at

www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk

ART CLASSES

Tel: 07977 127091

ART, CRAFT & SEWING CLASSES

Email: thompson-jo@sky.com

Tel: 01932 267492

ONE-TO-ONE ART TUITION BY SLADE GRADUATE

Email: rebeccaprice@waitrose.com

Tel: 01372 464881

EBC ONLINE ARTS NEWSLETTER

Email: leisure@elmbridge.gov.uk

Tel: 01372 474584

ESHER CAMERA CLUB

Email: buchbillie@aol.com

Tel: 020 8398 3169 or

020 8943 5200

OXSHOTT ART & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Tel: 01372 844853

Web: www.oxshottartandcrafts.co.uk

Email: oxshottartandcrafts@googlemail.com

PAINTING CLASSES

Web: wendyclousepaintings.co.uk

Tel: 01932 247549 or 07801 131176

STUDIO ART CLASSES with local professional Artist

Email: studioclasses@btinternet.com

Tel: 01932 862565 / 07968 989793

STUDIO SHARE IN THAMES DITTON

Email: phillippa.egerton@ntlworld.com

Tel: 0208 870 9947

THAMES VALLEY ARTS CLUB

Email: hart579@btinternet.com

WALTON & WEYBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

Tel: 01932 226862

ART CLASSES

Professional illustrator and experienced teacher offers small, friendly art classes near Cobham. All ages and abilities catered for. Monday and Tuesday mornings, and Tuesday evenings.

For further details or to book a place call Susan on 07977 127091

ELMBRIDGE ONLINE ARTS NEWSLETTER

Are you a member of an Arts Group - drama, creative writing, painting, photography, crafts, dance, floral art? Whatever form of art your group specialises in, the bi-monthly Arts Newsletter wants your input.

Web: elmbridge.gov.uk/leisure/arts/artsnews.htm

PROTEUS THEATRE presents ARABIAN NIGHTS

Scheherazade's stories of the Thousand and One Nights; of Aladdin, Ali Baba, Sinbad, monsters, genies, wizards and thieves are brought to life by Proteus Theatre in a magical production fusing physical theatre, circus, music and film.

Date: 17th and 18th January
Time: 1:30pm (17th) and
 10:30am and 1:30pm (18th)
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £6
Box Office: 0844 884 8832
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk
www.proteustheatre.com

CORNELIUS & JONES presents THE VICTORIAN TOY THEATRE

The paper puppets of a Victorian theatre set off on an adventure in bustling London streets meeting hawkers and traders with puppetry, magic lanterns, music and dance. For ages 5-11years



Date: 4th February
Time: 2:30pm
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £6
Box Office: 0844 884 8832
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk
www.corneliusjones.com

MULTISTORY THEATRE presents BEAUTY & THE BEAST



This charming production harks back to pre-Disney versions of a well-loved tale – but with our very own twist to it. An old woman who claims to be a princess with magical powers and a reluctant security guard use music, song, puppetry and video projection - as well as high-octane physical acting - to recreate the story in the cellar of a crumbling old theatre.

Children and adults alike enjoy both the

bravura fun of the storytelling and the genuine drama and pathos of the tale as it unfolds. *The production is for children aged 5 - 11 and their families.*

Date: 4th February
Time: 2:00pm and 4:00pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £7 (carpet seats £6)
Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk
www.multistorytheatre.co.uk

LEMPEN THEATRE presents 'UGLY BEAUTY'



Melo, the strange, one legged musician, sits alone by the sea, content in his world and playing the most beautiful music. But who comes here? A golden carriage bearing a Princess so beautiful that she wears a golden mask to hide her blinding beauty. And she pushes him in the mud! What kind of a world is this, where one who hides her beauty behaves so badly to the one with beauty at his fingertips?

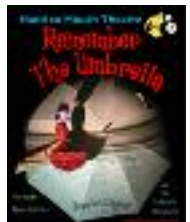
Puppetry, shadows, original music, acting and occasional face pulling are used to tell this delightful story for everyone from 5 years old to 105 years young.

"What a lovely show, very touching!"

Date: 3rd March
Time: 2:00pm and 4:00pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £7 (carpet seats £6)
Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk
www.lempen.co.uk

HAND2MOUTH THEATRE presents REMEMBER THE UMBRELLA

The Umbrella-seller Storyteller opens and closes her umbrellas, opening with a story of the sea and sand, and closing with a visit to the moon and stars. She invites us into her imaginative world of



light and shade by drawing with pen, sand, and water, where we join the reluctant Brolly in her adventure through a world of umbrellas, painted with light, as she searches for her brave face.

Along the way we meet the Umbrella bird who lives in the Trouble Tree and finds an unusual solution for Brolly's worries. There will be gasps and giggles in this meandering adventure, with an underlying theme of searching for confidence.

Remember the Umbrella is a delightful, original combination of storytelling and visual theatre using shadow puppetry, as well as live music and song and gentle audience participation, and is a one-woman show for children by artist and musician **Su Eaton**.

Date: 24th March
Time: 2:00pm and 4:00pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £7 (carpet seats £6)
Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk
www.handtomouth.co.uk

IMAGE MUSICAL THEATRE presents THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

A family participation musical in which the well known characters Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion all follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City.

For 5-11 years

Date: 24th March
Time: 2:30pm
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £6
Box Office: 0844 884 8832
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk
www.imagemusicaltheatre.co.uk



JUNIOR ART SCHOOL

Junior Art School is an after school club with a difference! An artist leads each term, guiding

children aged 7 – 11 through projects linked to the beautiful Painshill Park. So far children have created ceramics and built their own kilns to fire the work in the woods. They have benefited from tours around the ground, being inspired by the landscape, natural objects and wildlife. This term they have worked with natural materials creating paintings and installations and next term will involve working with different materials and learning a whole new set of skills to develop these young artists.

Dates: Weds. from 18th Jan.
Time: 3:45 – 5:15pm
Venue: Education studio
 Painshill Park
Cost: £60 for a 10 week term.
 Concessions half price.
Box Office: 01483 519287
Email: eun.hyoung@surreycc.gov.uk
Web: www.surreycc.gov.uk/arts

THE MUSIC BOX: PRE SCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES

Give your child the key to music in these fun pre school Music Classes for children aged 1 – 4. Live music with qualified and experienced teachers and accompanists.

Music specially written for the age group geared to early learning and fun, in a relaxed yet structured environment.

Puppets, props, pictures and a full set of high quality percussion instruments bring the weekly themes to life. Dance, sing, mime, knee rides and lots of action!

Date: Tuesday Mornings (term time) Join anytime!
Time: 10:10am Age 1+
 10:50am Age 2-3+
Venue: Yehudi Menuhin School,
 Stoke d'Abemon,
 Surrey KT11 3QQ
Tickets: Call Sarah to book a free trial session
Box Office: 07970 898658
Web: www.musicboxsurrey.co.uk

music box surrey

CLASSES @ VERA FLETCHER HALL**Dance & Drama classes with Sheila Maher**

Term time classes, with occasional classes during school holidays.

Monday

4:30 - 5:30pm 4 - 6 year olds

5:30 - 6:30pm 7 - 10 year olds

6:30 - 7:30pm 9 - 12 year olds

Thursday

5:00 - 6:00pm 7 - 11 year olds

For full details contact Sheila Maher on 0208 398 6777

www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

CHILDREN'S CLASSES @ RIVERHOUSE

Full details of classes are available from Riverhouse on 01932 253354.

www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

After School Art Club with Corinne Manches

For children 8 - 14 years old who enjoy experimenting with painting and drawing and would like to learn a variety of new techniques.

Monday 4:30pm – 6:00pm for 8 - 11 year olds

Monday 6:15pm – 8:00pm for 12 - 14 year olds

Tuesday 5:15pm – 6:45pm for 8 - 11 year olds

£60 per term

Music, Mime & Movement

Mondays - for pre-school children from 2½ years

10:30am - 11:30am and 11:30am - 12:30pm

1:30pm - 2:30pm 4yrs plus

A gentle hour long class which covers all aspects of music and dance for the very young. Builds confidence, extends imagination and develops social skills.

£50 per term

Saturday Art Club

Art projects linked to the exhibitions in the gallery. Book in advance - places are limited. £5 per class or £18 for all four.

7 - 11 year olds: 10:00am - 11:15am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

12 - 14 year olds: 1:30pm – 3:30pm

DRAMA – MONKEY THEATRE

www.monkeytheatre.co.uk

Come and join the fun at Monkey Theatre, Riverhouse Arts Centre where you will play drama games, learn acting skills and perform in a show! Free trial sessions available.

Chimpanzees 7-9 yrs Mondays 3:45pm - 5:00pm

Orang-utans 9-11 yrs Mondays 5:00pm - 6:15pm

Gorillas 11-13 yrs Tuesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Primates 13-15 yrs Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cost per term of 12 sessions: £84 (£63 siblings)

Call Jo: 01932 248115 or email jo@monkeytheatre.co.uk for full details and term dates

WEA Workers' Educational Association

The UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult learning

The Walton & Weybridge Branch of the WEA programme of Courses for Adults continues in the new year at various venues in the area. Established for over one hundred years, the WEA provides an opportunity for local people to further their interest in the arts and sciences in a congenial atmosphere without the pressure of an examination at the end of term!

Art and society in 18th century Britain

This course considers art in the context of cultural, social and intellectual developments using paintings, printed material, decorative arts and architecture through the work of Hogarth, Reynolds, Wedgwood and Robert Adam.

Date: 10 classes on Mondays from 9th January **Time:** 10:30am – 12:30pm
Venue: Hersham Village Hall **Cost:** £79

Social History –Great Edwardians and their houses

Many great men and women flourished in the Edwardian period. We will look at the 'stars' of the Asquith Government, those in the worlds of art and architecture like Elgar, Kipling and Lutyens, analysing their effect in society even today.

Date: 10 classes on Tuesdays from 10th January **Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm
Venue: St Andrew's URC, Walton-on-Thames **Cost:** £79

Music – French composers

French music has always been distinctive and innovative. By investigating it from the romantic era up to the electronic experiments and cabaret songs of the present day we hope to celebrate its idiosyncrasies.

Date: 10 classes on Fridays from 13th January **Time:** 10:30am – 12:30pm
Venue: St Andrew's URC, Walton-on-Thames **Cost:** £79

Kitchen chemistry

You may not necessarily want to eat what Heston Blumenthal cooks up, but you might want to know the science behind his ideas. Are you concerned about what goes into the food you eat? Then this may be the course for you.

Date: 5 classes, Wednesdays from 25th Jan. **Time:** 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: St Andrew's URC, Walton-on-Thames **Cost:** £39.50

Walks – Victorian London

A talk about Victorian London followed by 4 walks taking in the Victorian aspects of the City, Westminster, the Great Exhibition and Albertopolis (South Kensington) and the Crystal Palace.

Date: 5 meetings on Thursdays from 1st March **Time:** 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: St Andrew's URC, Walton-on-Thames **Cost:** £39.50

For further information and full details of the Courses, please visit the WEA website at www.wea.org.uk, pick up a copy of the Programme in your local library, or contact Diana Symonds on 01932 847672 during normal office hours.



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Dates: 31st January, 21st February and 20th March

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

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Web: www.riverhousebam.co.uk



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An optional coaching session is offered free to participants. Advance booking is essential.

Date: Wednesdays from 11th January

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Venue: Weybridge / Walton area - to be confirmed

Cost: £60 for the course

Contact: Call Sonia Duggan on 01932 849309 for information and bookings

Email: info@inspirationcoaching.biz

Web: www.inspirationcoaching.biz

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FORGOTTEN FESTIVALS



The **Forgotten Festivals project** brings together a varied mix of existing traditions and new celebrations of our local history throughout 2012. Arts Partnership Surrey have looked into the specific histories and traditions in their local areas and developed some new celebrations. These projects are artist-led and have used the local museums as a start for research. They will involve working with different groups, of all ages and abilities in learning about their local area, engaging in creative discussion and participating in practical workshops. For example, in Elmbridge,

an original **Thames Ditton Mummers Play** will be revived with a contemporary twist and performed by young people across the borough.

Watch out for the Calendar of Events which will be online and distributed in January. The county-wide project will be launched as part of the Royston Pike lectures on January 11th along with a talk on Surrey's calendar customs and annual traditions.

CLASSES at THE VERA FLETCHER HALL

The Vera Fletcher Hall in Thames Ditton hosts a wide range of classes catering for all sorts of interests. If you wish to hold a class of any sort, from Art, Bridge and Chess to Xylophone, Yachting and Zoology, then the Vera Fletcher Hall can offer you first class facilities at very reasonable rates. Call 08456 528529 for information.

www.verafletcherhall.co.uk/classes.php

ADULT CLASSES @ RIVERHOUSE**Enamelling with Bonnie Mackintosh**

For beginners and near-beginners, this is fusing glass on copper and aims to show the wonderful colours and effects that can be achieved.

Cost: £75 per term

Creative Stitch with Linda Robinson

End up in stitches: Wednesday 10:00am - 12noon / Thursday 10:00am

Creative Stitch and Design: Wednesday 12:30pm

Develop your hidden talents by joining our friendly group to explore a variety of embroidery techniques both traditional and innovative. Each class £70 per term

Creative Drawing with Melanie Paice

Our creative drawing course is open to all levels of experience and will encourage you to release your creative energy. Tips and advice on drawing skills will be given but the focus will be on relaxing and enjoying drawing in a variety of materials rather than traditional draftsmanship. It will support and challenge you to use a range of methods and techniques.

Cost: £84 per term (£7 per session, all materials included)

riverhouse writers with Val Woolford

Thursdays fortnightly 7:45pm – 9:15pm

Would you like to improve your power over words? Beginners welcome.

Cost: £30 per term of 6 sessions.

riverhouse readers with Rosie Boden and Val Woolford

1st Thursday of every month 7:45pm – 9:15pm

If you enjoy reading, come to Riverhouse to a reading group which meets monthly to discuss books. Call 01932 252007 for details. £2 per session

Folk Art Painting with Maggie Curtis

Fridays 9:30am – 11:30am

Students will first learn the basic strokes of Folk Art. The designs available can easily be adapted to a variety of projects from boxes, wall plaques, pots and vases, to small pieces of furniture. Paints and suitable brushes will be available to purchase in class. £55 per term

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tutors: Caroline Dooley

Drama for Adults

Jo Humphries

Tuesdays 8:15pm - 9:45pm

Whether newly curious or a seasoned performer, come and discover more about the craft of acting. Learn drama & performance skills and unleash your alter ego! (Free taster session)

£8 per session, paid termly

Contact Caroline: 01932 222932 / 07956 421804

enquiries@drama4adults.com

www.drama4adults.com

Contact Riverhouse on 01932 253354 for full details

www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

RYPT - riverhouse YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE

Riverhouse Young People's Theatre is a weekly skills-based workshop, led by professional theatre practitioners **Jo Humphries** and **Adrian Preater**.

It introduces young people to different ways of working in drama, and to a variety of styles of theatre. The focus is on performance and production skills, and the provision of a platform for young people interested in theatre, to produce and perform their own shows.

Riverhouse Young People's Theatre is for young adults of 16 and above who are serious about seeing what else Drama and Theatre techniques have to offer.

For information call 01932 253354.

CHADSWORTH STAGE SCHOOL & FIRST STEPS

The Chadsworth Stage School, First Steps and Starlets is a non-vocational part time stage school based in Esher, specializing in many aspects of the performing arts. The school provides regular classes, usually outside school hours, in various areas of dance - ballet, tap, modern, jazz and also singing and drama. The school also runs 3 Street Dance troupes called Kaos and classes in Bollywood

Contact: 020 8398 8104

Web: www.chadsworthstageschool.co.uk

THAMES DITTON DRAMA ACADEMY

Classes in speech and drama and all aspects of the stage at the Vera Fletcher Hall for children from 4 to 15 years old. Tuition also given for Trinity/Guildhall examinations in Speech & Drama

Contact: Sheila Maher 020 8398 6777

CELIA ANDREWS SCHOOL of SPEECH & DRAMA

The School offers classes in all aspects of speech and drama for children and adults alike. Tuition is given in small groups, or individually. The School has its own LAMDA Examination Centre.

Call: 01932 226458

Email: celiaandrews@yahoo.co.uk

Web: www.celiaandrews.co.uk

THEATRE 4 KIDS

Theatre4Kids is a theatre school in Walton-on-Thames, managed and run by experienced drama professionals delivering the very best children's theatre training and drama workshops for 4 - 14 year olds.

Call: Julia Walton on 07813 279602

Web: www.theatre4kids.co.uk

CLAYGATE FOLK DANCE CLUB

Claygate Folk Dance Club provides an opportunity to enjoy and learn English Country Dance in a social setting. This is a form of dance that has been part of our heritage from the 17th Century, and it continues to evolve. The Club meets on Thursday evenings in Thames Ditton and also has a programme of social events throughout the year.

Contact: Pam Phillips 01372 373745

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tutors: Caroline Dooley

Drama for Adults

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Tuesdays 8:15pm - 9:45pm

Whether newly curious or a seasoned performer, come and discover more about the craft of acting. Learn drama & performance skills and unleash your alter ego! (Free taster session)

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3rd December 2011

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Tickets Tel: 01372 463990

e-mail: secretary@claygatechoralsociety.co.uk

www.claygatechoralsociety.co.uk

COBHAM BAND

One of the finest traditional Brass Bands in Surrey, Cobham Band embraces music of all styles and presents varied and entertaining concerts of enviable quality to the delight of the band's patrons who have helped raise considerable amounts of money for charity. Every year the band chooses a charity to support. For 2010 / 2011 the band is supporting **Help for Heroes** and **Barnardo's**. The band has previously supported Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children, Woking Hospice, Surrey Air Ambulance, Brass Band Aid, The Shooting Star Children's Hospice, The Princess Alice Hospice, Mencap, Diabetes UK and Surrey Wildlife Trust. The band rehearses at Churchgate House Centre, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Downside Road, Cobham on Monday evenings from 8pm to 10pm. Although the band has a good regular membership new members - experienced or learners - are always welcome. If you are interested in joining or want to find out more about the band please contact Pat Steele, Secretary on 01372 453864 or visit our website. The band is grateful for the support it receives from the R C Sherriff Trust.



Current Programme:

For details of all concerts call 01372 453864 or visit www.thecobhamband.org

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| 10th Dec | 10:30am-12:30pm | Carols in Esher High Street |
| 11th Dec | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Chatley Heath Semaphore Tower, Cobham KT11 1PQ |
| 16th Dec | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Christmas carols at Memorial Gardens, Hinchley Wood |
| 17th Dec | 7:30pm | Christmas Concert in St Andrews Church, Cobham |
| 22nd Dec | 7:00pm - 9:00pm | Christmas carols at Brooklands, Weybridge KT13 0XF |

ESHER RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

The Society, which was founded in 1968, is dedicated to the mutual enjoyment of listening to recorded Classical and other music, in comfortable surroundings, using top-class equipment.

Meetings are held on alternate Wednesdays at 7:45pm at The Dittons Library, Mercer Close, Watts Road, Thames Ditton.

New members and guests are always welcome. Membership is £15 per annum; guests pay £2 per meeting.

2011/12 Season:

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| 07 Dec | "Development of the English Carol" with visiting speaker
Martin Daldorf |
| 25 Jan | "The Singers Art" – Past & Enduring Glories with visiting speaker
Dr. Harold Lewis |
| 08 Feb | Jazz Part 2 with Ken, Eileen and Ian |
| 22 Feb | Members' choice |
| 07 Mar | AGM, followed by "It's all in the Harmony" with Frank Clarke |
| 21 Mar | The President's Choice – "Serenades" with visiting speaker
Antony Lewis-Crosby |
| 04 Apr | "The Sea, The Sea" with the Revd. Robert Blows |
| 18 Apr | Gustav Holst – "Man of Music & Mystery" with visiting speaker
Marjorie Imiah |
| 02 May | "If I'm Still Here" with visiting speaker Norman Burman |
| 16 May | "A Variety of Anniversaries" with Roy Edwards (Chairman) |

To learn more about the Society, and for details of all events please call 0208 398 7979 or email kenhibberd@gmail.com

RIVERSIDE OPERA : 'LE GRAND TOUR'

Join the **Riverside Opera Chorus** conducted by Oliver-John Ruthven on a journey of great opera choruses and other musical masterpieces from across Europe. Follow in the footsteps of young English aristocrats through such cultural centres as London, Paris, Florence, Rome, Venice and Vienna. **Art Historian Peter Scott** joins the chorus to delight with tales of the Grand Tour and what it was really like to undertake this educational rite of passage.

Date: 2nd December
Venue: Riverhouse
Box Office: 01932 253354

Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £15
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk



A CAPPELLA SINGERS : FAMILY CAROL CONCERT

The **A Cappella Singers** join with **Heathside School Chamber Choir** to present a family carol concert in support of MacMillan Cancer Support in their centenary year. Macmillan Cancer Support strives to improve the life of those affected by cancer. They are a source of support: providing practical, medical, emotional and financial help. They are a force for change: listening to people affected by cancer and working with them to change cancer care for the better. Please join us in supporting this very worthwhile appeal.



Date: 3rd December
Time: 4:00pm
Venue: United Reformed Church, Weybridge, KT13 9UX
Admission: Adult £8 (Children £2) including refreshments
Contact: 01932 845617
Web: www.macmillan.org.uk
acappellaweybridge.org.uk

JAMES LISNEY (piano)

In the third and final concert of his 'Schubertreise' series, James Lisney plays Schubert's last two piano sonatas.

Date: 3rd December
Time: 8:00pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £15
Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

WALTON & OATLANDS CHORAL SOCIETY

The Choral Society, together with professional soloists, performs Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* and Christmas carols.

Date: 3rd December
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Methodist Church, Terrace Road, Walton
Tickets: £10
Box Office: Call 01932 229658 or contact members

ELMBRIDGE BIG BAND : "Jingle Bell Swing"

Join in this special Christmas extravaganza with the brilliant **Elmbridge Big Band!**

Date: 3rd December
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: St Christopher's Church, Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood
Tickets: £10, under 16s FREE
Box Office: 020 8398 9095 or 020 8398 5513

If a composer could say what he had to say in words he would not bother trying to say it in music

Gustav Mahler

TRADITIONAL JAZZ : OKEH ALL STARS

This band originally came together as a “pick-up” group at the Riverhouse Barn. They liked it so much (as did the audience) that they decided to stick together. The All Stars have appeared at several jazz festivals as well as at jazz clubs over the country. Featuring Ken Sims on cornet.

Date: 4th December
Time: 12:15pm – 2:15pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £7
Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

LUNCHTIME CONCERT : THE MELLSTOCK BAND

A unique mixture of music, song and spoken word, using authentic instruments and period costume.

Date: 7th December
Time: Lunch: 12:15pm;
 Concert: 1:10pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £14 with lunch;
 £9 concert only
Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

WEYBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS



Weybridge Male Voice Choir present their Christmas Concert, featuring the children's choir from St. James' C of E Primary School

in Weybridge and popular guest soloist **Liz Westaway**.

Date: 9th December
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: St James' Church
 Weybridge
Tickets: £8 (under 14 free)
Box Office: 01932 236514
Web: www.weybridgemvc.org.uk

EMBER & HAMPTON CHORAL SOCIETIES

The Verdi Requiem was first performed in 1874, in memory of the poet Alessandro Manzoni, and is now one of the most popular works performed by choral societies. It is described as ‘a work of the utmost theatricality’. **Ember Choral Society**, conducted by **John Sutton**, joins with **Hampton Choral Society**, for this not-to-be-missed performance.

Date: 10th December
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: St Andrew's Church,
 Maple Road, Surbiton
Tickets: £15 (Students £7.50)
Box Office: 020 8398 2440
Web: www.emberchoralsociety.org.uk
Ember Choral Society is very grateful to Moynihan and Co (Chartered Surveyors) for their kind support for this concert

OXSHOTT CHORAL SOCIETY: JOYFULLY REJOICE

Jane Searle (soprano), **James Kinsella** (tenor), **Geoffrey Horton** (baritone), **Peter Lutton** (organ) and string quartet, with conductor **Valerie Beynon** present Christmas Baroque Music from Pergolesi and Buxtehude and Carols and Christmas songs for choir and audience.

Date: 10th December
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: St Andrew's Church,
 Oakshade Road,
 Oxshott
Tickets: £12 adults / £6 children
 Refreshments provided
Box Office: 01932 863082
Web: oxshottchoral.org.uk

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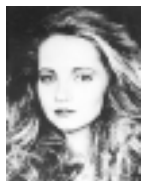
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Male Voice
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FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER
7.30 P.M.

St. James' Church, Weybridge

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On-line from www.weybridgemvc.org.uk
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Cathy Pope and other beautiful professional operatic voices will perform; moving you and we hope occasionally amusing you, to raise money for the **Musicians**

Benevolent Fund (MBF), which is celebrating it's 90th year in 2011. Please be generous to this charity which helps those who have given us so much pleasure and who now need just a little help in return.

Date: 10th December
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £15
Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

To find out more about the MBF viist
www.helpmusicians.org.uk

MODERN JAZZ : KAIROS 4tet

Adam Waldmann (tenor sax), **Ivo Neame** (piano), **Jasper Høiby** (bass) and **John Scott** (drums)

Kairos 4tet was born out of a desire to explore times past, present and future, creating music with a sense of space, between the competing worlds of written melody and in-the-moment improvisation. The band play the distinctive compositions of saxophonist Adam Waldmann from their latest widely acclaimed album, 'Statement of Intent'.

Date: 11th December
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £12 (students £5)
Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk
www.kairos4tet.com



SINGALONG TO "WHITE CHRISTMAS"

Join in with Irving Berlin's wonderful songs as Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and others make this the perfect Yuletide film! You will get the words to singalong with, and some mince pie ice-cream! In aid of the "Old Songs' Home" Association.

Date: 14th December
Time: 8:00pm to 10:00pm
Venue: Hersham; please call Box Office for details.
Tickets: £6, including words and refreshments
Box Office: 01932 244038
Email: georgina@musicair.co.uk

TREBLE CLEF LADIES' CHOIR: CAROL CONCERT



Under the directorship of Christine Best, accompanied by **Emma Hawksley** the Treble Clef Ladies' Choir will entertain with traditional Christmas Carols and popular seasonal songs. The audience will also enjoy singing with the choir such favourites as O Little Town of Bethlehem and O Come All Ye Faithful

Date: 16th December
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: St James' Church, Weybridge
Tickets: £6.00 (children free)
Box Office: 01372 800161
Web: www.trebleclefchoir.org.uk

MUSIC ON THE GREEN: NINE LESSONS and CAROLS

Come along and enjoy one of the loveliest Christmas traditions in our festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Date: 18th December
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: Christ Church, Esher
Tickets: Free - All adults and (well-behaved) children welcome

MUSIC ON THE GREEN: "COME AND SING CAROLS"

Come and join us at one of our regular lunchtime concerts. Break away from the routine for an hour or so with free entry, sandwiches and coffee.

Date: 21st December
Time: Sandwiches & coffee:
 12:45pm
 Concert: 1:10 pm
Venue: Christ Church,
 Esher KT10 8QS
Tickets: Free entry; with retiring
 collection
Contact: 01372 462282 or email
info@eshermusic.org



ELMBRIDGE U3A CHOIR : FAMILY CAROL CONCERT

The Elmbridge U3A Choir conducted by Ray Blues and accompanied by Peter Mence on the organ, presents a Family Carol Concert. Come and sing your favourite carols. All the family are welcome. Admission to the concert is free with donations in aid of The Shooting Star Children's Hospice. Tea and mince pies will be served.

Date: 21st December
Time: 2:30pm
Venue: St Peter's Church,
 Hersham
Tickets: Admission Free

For details of Elmbridge U3A visit
www.u3asites.org.uk/elmbridge
 or call 020 8398 6463



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TWELFTH NIGHT CONCERT

A joyous musical extravaganza to celebrate the Three Kings and mark the end of the Christmas season. Singers **Hannah Ockendon** and **Dominique Thiébaud** (sopranos), **David Sheppard** (counter-tenor), **Anne Whiteman** (mezzo-soprano), **Richard Rowe** and **Philip Salmon** (tenors), **Maciek O'Shea** (bass baritone) accompanied by **Robbie Norman** (violin), **Linda Howarth** (flute), **Carol Wells** (piano) and **Rosemary Field** (piano and conductor).

The programme is introduced by **Peter Medhurst** (bass baritone).

Date: 6th January
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £15 to include
 Twelfth Night Cake

Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

MUSIC ON THE GREEN: LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Why not join us at one of our regular lunchtime concerts? Forget the shopping - break away for an hour or so with free entry, sandwiches and coffee.

Date: 11th January
Time: Sandwiches & coffee:
 12:45pm

Venue: Concert: 1:10 pm
 Christ Church,
 Esher KT10 8QS

Tickets: Free entry; retiring
 collection

Contact: 01372 462282 or email
info@eshermusic.org

CHARLES COURT OPERA: BEOWULF - THE PANTOMIME

Charles Court Opera - described as a "spunky little troupe" by Opera Now - return with another riotous pantomime turning the oldest English legend on its head. Toe tapping routines and musical treats from pop to opera, with some of the UK's best young opera talent. "...a show that shimmies across the high wire of taste and still manages to make it to the other side..." **Time Out Critics Choice Four Stars ******.



Date: 13th January
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £12.50
Box Office: 0844 884 8832
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk
www.charlescourtopera.com

Charles Court Opera

CHARLES COURT OPERA: BEOWULF - PANTO & SUPPER



Charles Court Opera return **in style** with some of the UK's best young operatic talent.

This event, which is **sponsored by Dairy Crest** and

includes a 3 course supper, is in aid of the Thames Ditton Hospital Appeal.

Date: 14th January
Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £33 including 3 course supper
Box Office: Call Karen Randolph on 020 8398 5005
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk
www.charlescourtopera.com
www.dairycrest.co.uk

THE HUMOUR OF NOEL COWARD

In this celebration of Noel Coward's many humorous songs **Gordon Peters** and **David Carter** give us 15 of the best including *A Bar On The Piccola Marina* (a tale of a recently widowed lady rejoicing in her new found freedom!!), *Could You Please Oblige Us With A Bren Gun* (a wonderful skit on the Home Guard) and that infamous song that caused such a furore *Don't Lets Be Beastly To The Germans*. It's a night you will remember for a long time!

Date: 28th January
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £12 (£10 OAPs)
Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

OCMS : MAIASTRA

Oxshott & Cobham Music Society present **Maiastra**: - **Arisa Fujita**, **Ricky Gore** (violins), **Stephen Upshaw** (viola) and **Michael Petrov** (cello) - a group of talented young musicians whose further musical education is being facilitated by participation in chamber music courses devised by the **Aidan Woodcock Charitable Trust**. First rate students combine with an outstanding professional player who leads the group. The programme comprises Ravel Quartet (1902 - 1903) and Tchaikovsky Quartet No. 1. in D, Op. 11.

Date: 28th January
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Claygate
Tickets: £13 (Under 26 free)
Box Office: 020 8399 4262
oxshottandcobhammusicsociety@gmail.com
Web: www.ocms-music.org.uk



BRUNCH BARNSTORMERS: SUNTRAP

This time Brunch Barnstormers features a live contemporary folk music band. Bring the family along for a bacon buttie and enjoy the distinctive sound of 'Suntrap'.

Once described as Fairport Convention meets Fleetwood Mac, the songs clearly take influence from both English folk and Americana. Bert Jansch-like guitar coupled with big 'wall of sound' vocal harmonies and a strong dose of driving fiddles.

Date: 29th January
Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £8 (Kids £4) Family ticket £20 (based on a family of 4)

Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk



KATALIN CSILLAGH, NICOLA SMEDLEY and SAGI HARTOV

Katalin Csillagh (piano) **Nicola Smedley** (flute) and **Sagi Hartov** (cello) - three outstanding world class musicians - play trios and solos including works by Haydn, Liszt and Chopin.

Date: 3rd February
Time: 8:00pm
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £11 (under 16 years FREE)

Box Office: 0844 884 8832
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

For up-to-date details of what's on in Elmbridge visit
www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk

A CAPPELLA SINGERS : MESSIAH

A Cappella Singers, conducted by Peter Stobart, present Handel's Messiah accompanied by professional soloists and baroque orchestra on period instruments

Date: 4th February
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: St Mary's Church, Church Street, Walton-on-Thames.

Tickets: *Not stated*
Box Office: 01932 244423

Why not join us now to sing the Messiah? We are a small, friendly choir, looking to augment our numbers to perform the nation's favourite choral work! There's no charge for new members to participate, and scope to join the choir on a permanent basis.

We rehearse on Tuesdays, from 19:45 to 21:30 at St Mary's Church Hall in Oatlands. If you'd like to know more please contact us on 01932 244423 or 07900 907738 or visit

www.acappellaweybridge.org.uk



MUSIC ON THE GREEN: LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Free entry; sandwiches and coffee. Pop in to Christ Church and get away from the hustle of the High Street!

Date: 8th February
Time: Sandwiches & coffee:
 12:45pm
 Concert: 1:10 pm
Venue: Christ Church,
 Esher KT10 8QS
Tickets: Free entry; retiring
 collection
Contact: 01372 462282 or email
info@eshermusic.org

PIPPA LONGWORTH & KARL DAYMOND

Opera Playhouse present High Art in duet with Low Comedy!

International opera singers Pippa Longworth and Karl Daymond present an hilarious programme of your favourite arias, duets and sketches from the world of opera.

Date: 10th February
Time: 8:00pm
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £11
Box Office: 0844 884 8832
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

OCMS : THE ROSE TRIO & FRIENDS

The Rose Trio was formed in 2006 and won the ensemble prize at the Royal Overseas League Competition in 2010. With Alex Hambleton (horn) and Daniel King-Smith (piano) their programme includes items from Mozart and Poulenc.

Date: 25th February
Time: 8:00pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church,
 Claygate
Tickets: £13 (Under 26 free)
Box Office: 020 8399 4262
oxshottandcobhammusicsociety@gmail.com
Web: www.ocms-music.org.uk

JAKE FRYER : WINTER JAZZ @ ST GEORGE'S

Jake has performed at Ronnie Scotts as part of the Brit Fest, celebrating the club's golden anniversary with the group the LJC. As well as playing lead alto with the **Four Tops** he has played with Malene Mortensen at Soho's Pizza Express Jazz Club for the London Jazz Festival. He has also headlined at the Duc des Lombards Jazz Club in Paris and FCCJ Club in Tokyo amongst others. He has also performed at the Institute of Fine Arts at the Birmingham International Jazz Festival. This afternoon **Jake and his quartet** - sax, piano, bass and drums - will play classic swinging standards from Cole Porter to Gershwin to get your toes tapping!

Date: 26th February
Time: 2:30pm
Venue: St George's Church,
 Esher
Tickets: £10 to include tea and
 cake. Please book in
 advance.
Box Office: 01372 464370/ 465755
info@stgeorgeseshesher.co.uk
Web: www.stgeorgeseshesher.or
www.jakefryer.com

THE LINDEN WIND ORCHESTRA

The South East's premier concert band present **Favourites of Stage & Screen** - the music of Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Eric Coates plus Broadway showstoppers, Ron Goodwin's 633 Squadron.....



Date: 26th February
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £9 (under 16 years free)
Box Office: 0844 884 8832
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk
www.lworchestra.co.uk



Claygate Music Festival

9th - 25th March 2012



**Organised by Claygate Village Association
Festival Coordinators Rukshana & Jehan Master**

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Email: claygatemusicfest@yahoo.co.uk

Web: www.claygatemusicfest.com

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Booking Office opens 1st February 2012

To book tickets for any events, please download the booking form from

www.claygatemusicfest.com

and follow instructions on the form.

Telephone bookings will not be accepted.

Children 16 and under £3.00 for certain performances, check details.

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

1ST CLAYGATE SCOUT & GUIDE BAND

Following their success playing in the parade at Disney Europe, this accomplished youth band will give a stirring performance of traditional and popular music including TV themes and film classics.

Date: 9th March **Time:** 6:00 pm

Venue: Holy Trinity Church. Church Road. Claygate

Tickets: Adults £5.00, Child £3.00

SOUL RUNNERS

'Soul Runners' is a Claygate based Gospel Band taking part in many local events including the previous Music Festival, a concert at Holy Trinity Church and supporting the 'Gig on the Rec' event for the new Cricket Pavilion fund-raiser this year. We have a CD album of Christmas Carols and are currently working on a first CD of original Gospel material which we plan to debut at the Festival playing a mix of traditional and contemporary Gospel Music. We like songs that say something, songs that lift the heart, songs of Hope.

Date: 10th March **Time:** 8:00 pm

Venue: Holy Trinity Church. Church Road. Claygate

Tickets: Adults £ 8.00, Child £4.00



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LISA KWEI



South West London based singer/songwriter/musician, currently embarking on her solo debut album this year with the help of some of London's finest musicians. Her songs are an eclectic mix of Pop, Reggae, Blues and Dance but have a heartbeat at the core that is Lisa's sound. Her vocals are alluring, her stories are thought provoking and her energy is uplifting!

Date: 11th March **Time:** 8:00 pm
Venue: Claygate Village Hall, Church Road. Claygate
Tickets: £ 10.00
Web: www.lisakwei.com

THE GLISSANDI HARP ENSEMBLE

The Glissandi Harp Ensemble, featuring **Manon Morris**, **Rebeca Jones** and **David Williams**, present a wonderful evening of Harp music. With a programme of well known classical, Celtic and popular repertoire, especially arranged and transcribed for harp, there will be music for all to enjoy. The spectacular finale of massed harps will be an amazing opportunity to hear so many harpists performing together.

Date: 12th March **Time:** 7:30pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church. Church Road. Claygate
Tickets: Adults £ 8.00, Child £3.00

A BEAUTIFUL CUP OF TEA

Enjoy an uplifting and inspiring programme of poetry and songs themed on tea and the fragrance of love – presented by Britain's premier tea poet **Elizabeth Darcy Jones** supported by **The Song Harmony**.

Date: 13th March **Time:** 7:30pm
Venue: Christian Science Church, Hare Lane, Claygate
Tickets: Adults £ 7.50

TWO HEELS and A LOAFER

A close harmony vocal trio singing hits from the swing, jazz, cabaret and pop genres. Enjoy favorites such as Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Mr Sandman, Fly Me To The Moon, I Say A Little Prayer, Lollipop. The group also adapts songs to explore the funny side of life including Growing Up Is Hard To Do, Accessorize, My Kids Stay Out All Night.

Date: 15th March **Time:** 7:00 pm
Venue: Claygate Centre, Elm Road, Claygate
Tickets: £ 7.00

THE BAND OF THE SURREY YEOMANRY

The hugely popular 45 piece concert Band of the Surrey Yeomanry present an extravaganza - including film and show music, dance and big band arrangements, classics and something new!

Date: 16th March **Time:** 8:00 pm
Venue: Claygate Village Hall, Church Road. Claygate
Tickets: Adults £8.00, Child £3.00





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SIMON TRPČESKI

Presented by **Oxshott & Cobham Music Society**, the world renowned young Macedonian pianist **Simon Trpčeski** gives a programme of Schubert and Liszt.

Date: 17th March **Time:** 8:00 pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church. Church Road. Claygate
Tickets: £18.00 (8-25 inclusive - Free)



OLD TYME MUSIC HALL with SUPPER

An Extravaganza of Excellent Entertainment, Fun and Frolic for the Claygate Music Festival. Music Hall at its best with lots of local talent. Be sure to dress for the occasion and book early to get your supper - bring your own drinks. (*Period costume is optional*)

Date: 18th March **Time:** 7:30 pm
Venue: Claygate Village Hall, Church Road. Claygate
Tickets: £ 12.00

VOCALITY

Vocality Claygate are a local accapella choir directed by **Ruth Fenton** who perform songs from all over the world. All the songs, although unusual, are beautifully melodic and appeal to a wide ranging audience. Come and enjoy an evening with **Vocality**.

Date: 20th March **Time:** 8:00 pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church. Church Road. Claygate
Tickets: Adults £8.00, Child £3.00

THE FRENCH QUARTER ALL STARS

Authentic Jazz from the birthplace of Jazz, New Orleans. **The French Quarter All Stars** led by long time Band leader **Brian White** on clarinet, includes **Alan Gresty** on trumpet, **Geoff Cole** trombonist, drummer **Colin Bowden**, **Dave Moorwood** banjo and guitar and bassist **John Arthy**.

Date: 21st March **Time:** 8:00 pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church. Church Road. Claygate
Tickets: £10.00

NEW ERA BIG BAND

Under the direction of Jazz pianist & arranger **Bob Barter** the New Era Big Band styles itself on the American Count Basie Orchestra and is the most sought after Big Band in the country. A wonderful evening of Swing & Jazz with the Big Band sound, in traditional style with all the nostalgic favourites.

Date: 23rd March 8:00 pm
Venue: Claygate Village Hall, Church Road. Claygate
Tickets: £12.00

CLAYGATE CHORAL SOCIETY

The Society perform Brahms' "German Requiem" and Elgar's "From the Bavarian Highlands"



Date: 25th March **Time:** 7:30 pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church. Church Road. Claygate
Tickets: To be announced
Web: www.claygatechoralsociety.co.uk

BENJAMIN FRITH (piano) SAGI HARTOV (cello)



Two world class prize winning musicians play works including Beethoven's 12 Variations on "See the conqu'ring hero comes" from Handel's Judas Maccabaeus for cello and piano and Chopin's Cello Sonata in G minor Op. 65 for cello and piano.

Date: 3rd March
Time: 8:00pm
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £12 (under 16's free)
Box Office: 0844 884 8832
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

BRUNCH BARNSTORMERS: 'KLEZMER KLUB'

This month Brunch Barnstormers welcomes a live Klezmer Band. Bring the family along for a bacon buttie and enjoy the distinctive sound of 'Klezmer Klub'. Freylekhs, bulgars, horas, hongas, sers – these are thumping dance tunes that would have been played at celebrations in Eastern European Jewish villages for hundreds of years.

Date: 11th March
Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm
Venue: Riverhouse
Tickets: £8 (Kids £4) Family ticket £20 (based on a family of 4)

Box Office: 01932 253354
Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

THE NEW FOXTROT SERENADERS

Dance Band Music from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s - conjure up memories of the great singers and songwriters such as Bessie Smith, George Gershwin, Jelly Roll Morton, Hoagy Carmichael, Cole Porter,



Jerome Kern and Irving Berlin.

Date: 11th March
Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £9 (under 16's free)
Box Office: 0844 884 8832
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

MUSIC ON THE GREEN: LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Take a load off. Rest your weary feet with us and enjoy a break from the hustle and bustle of the High Street. Come on in and enjoy a sandwich and a coffee and a little bit of entertainment on the side.

Date: 14th March
Time: Sandwiches & coffee: 12:45pm

Venue: Concert: 1:10 pm
 Christ Church,
 Esher KT10 8QS
Tickets: Free entry; retiring collection

Contact: 01372 462282 or email info@eshermusic.org

RIPIENO CHOIR : LOOKING BACH, AND FORWARDS

A choral blend of celebrated motets by Bach, including "Jesu, meine Freude", and of Gabrieli, along with the acclaimed twentieth-century music of Arvo Pärt's "Magnificat" and Morten Lauridsen's "O Magnum Mysterium". Conducted by **David Hansell**.



Date: 17th March
Time: 7:30 pm
Venue: All Saints' Church, Weston Green, Esher
Tickets: £13 in advance; £15 on the door (includes glass of wine)

Box office: 020 8399 2714 or 020 3137 0376

Email: vox@ripienochoir.org.uk
Web: www.ripienochoir.org.uk

OXSHOTT & COBHAM MUSIC SOCIETY

CELEBRITY CONCERT

A piano recital by **SIMON TRPČESKI**

“A pianistic talent in a thousand” The Times, June 2005

This recital forms part of the 2012 CLAYGATE MUSIC FESTIVAL, as was the case when he performed to great acclaim at the OCMS concert in the Festival in 2008
claygatemusicfest@yahoo.co.uk

With an ability to perform a wide range of repertoire – from Haydn and Chopin to Debussy and Stravinsky, Macedonian pianist Simon Trpčeski has captivated audiences worldwide and has established himself as one of the most remarkable young musicians to have emerged in recent years. His playing is characterised by an impeccable and powerful technique, delicate expression and by his warm personality.



He will play:

<i>Schubert</i>	<i>16 German Dance, D783</i>
<i>Schubert</i>	<i>Fantasy in C major, D760 (“Wanderer”)</i>
<i>Bach /Liszt</i>	<i>Prelude & Fugue in A minor, BWV543</i>
<i>Liszt</i>	<i>Sonetto del Petrarca 104 (Années de Pèlerinage Book II)</i>
<i>Liszt</i>	<i>Les jeux d’eau à la Villa d’Este (A de P Book III)</i>
<i>Liszt</i>	<i>Hungarian Rhapsody No 2 in C sharp minor</i>

A CONCERT NOT TO BE MISSED!

Saturday, 17 March 2012 at 8.00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Claygate, Surrey.
 Tickets: £18.00. At the door or from Festival box office (email address above) or from Glynis Kortright, 0208 3994262: dkortright@blueyonder.co.uk. Children & students (8 – 25) FREE.
 (Students must show ID cards).



WEYBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Weybridge Male Voice Choir join with **Treble Clef Ladies' Choir** and **'A Touch of Brass'** in a charity concert compered by **Michael Aspel** in aid of Walton Firs Activity Centre for Young People, Cobham

Date: 31st March **Time:** 8:00pm
Venue: Dorking Halls, Dorking **Tickets:** £10
Box Office: 01306 881717
Web: www.weybridgemvc.org.uk / www.dorkinghalls.co.uk

THE MENUHIN HALL



Lunchtime Showcase Concert

Pupils from The Yehudi Menuhin School perform a programme of solo and chamber music.

Date: 25th January **Time:** 1:20pm
Tickets: £8



Patricia Routledge and Piers Lane:

"Admission: One Shilling"

Award-winning actress **Patricia Routledge** and international concert pianist **Piers Lane**



tell the extraordinary story of Myra Hess and her famous wartime National Gallery concerts. In Dame Myra's own words - compiled by her great-nephew, composer Nigel Hess - and with piano music by Bach, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Schumann and Chopin, we hear how the 'great adventure' of these 1600 lunchtime concerts began, and how it continued while bombs rained down on London. This uplifting story about

the healing power of music is directed by Christopher Luscombe.

Date: 28th January **Time:** 3:30pm and 7:30pm
Tickets: £20

Showcase Concert

Pupils from The Yehudi Menuhin School perform a programme of solo and chamber music.

Date: 8th February **Time:** 7:45pm
Tickets: £16

Tickets for all events can be booked through The Menuhin Hall Box office on **08700 842020**, or online at www.menuhinhall.info

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EARTHLY VOICES

Earthly Voices Choir is a friendly and sociable community choir. We sing unaccompanied [a cappella] four-part songs of all styles from around the world - from Coldplay to Georgian lullabies. We have fun learning music by ear - there's no need to be able to read music. You don't have to audition and you can come along for a free "taster" session. We meet on Thursday evenings at the Church of the Holy Name on Arbrook Lane in Esher (KT10 9EE) from 8:00pm to 10:00pm.



For information about Earthly Voices

Email: dizzylizzy960@hotmail.com **Web:** www.earthlyvoices.org

HINCHLEY WOOD SCHOOL MUSIC

Community Samba takes place every Friday from 3.45pm to 4.30pm in the Music Suite at Hinchley Wood School and is open to all students from Hinchley Wood Primary, Thames Ditton Junior, St Mary's Junior and Claygate Primary. Sessions are run by **The London Samba Co.**

Hinchley Wood School Community Choir meets on Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 4.45pm in the Music Suite at Hinchley Wood School.

The Choir is open to all Year 3-7's from Hinchley Wood Primary, Thames Ditton Junior, St Mary's Junior and Claygate Primary.

Call Jenny at Hinchley Wood School on 020 8398 7161 ext 141 for details.

PROMENADE CHOIRS

Promenade Choirs foster the joy of singing with others, working to create the best group sound possible, teach young singers how to use their voices as effectively as possible, develop the musical skills of all those in the choir, develop pride in creating music of a high quality and give motivated young singers a platform upon which to excel.

The choirs perform regularly in concert throughout the area and are very well received by all audiences. To find out more please visit our website at www.promenade.org.uk.



Promenade

Contacts

If you are looking to join a choir or band - or if you need someone to perform - here's a quick guide to many of the organisations, societies and choirs in the area. Full details of all these can be found on the RC Sherriff Trust website at

www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk

ALBANY GLEE CLUB	Web: www.musicair.co.uk Email: georgina@musicair.co.uk Tel: 01932 244038
COBHAM BAND	Web: www.thecobhamband.org Tel: 01372 453864
EARTHLY VOICES CHOIR	Web: www.earthlyvoices.org Email: dizzylizzy960@hotmail.com
ELMBRIDGE CHOIR and ELMBRIDGE LADIES CHOIR	Web: www.elmbridgemusic.co.uk Email: mary@elmbridgechoir.co.uk
MAMA VOX SINGERS	Email: johumphries@gmail.com Tel: 01932 248115
MENUHIN HALL	Web: www.menuhinhall.info Tel: 01932 584408
OXSHOTT CHORAL SOCIETY	Web: www.oxshottchoral.org.uk Tel: 01372 842300
PROMENADE JUNIOR AND YOUTH CHOIRS	Web: www.promenade.org.uk Email: goldsack@talktalk.net
TWIG SINGERS	Web: www.musicair.co.uk Tel: 01932 229563
TREBLE CLEF LADIES' CHOIR	Web: www.trebleclefchoir.org.uk Tel: 01932 889665
VOCALITY	Web: www.vocalitysinging.co.uk Email: catherine@vocalitysinging.co.uk Tel: 07985 094322
WALTON AND OATLANDS CHORAL SOCIETY	Web: www.wocs.org.uk
WEYBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR	Web: www.veybridgemvc.org.uk Email: concerts@veybridgemvc.org.uk Joiners: membership@veybridgemvc.org.uk Tel: 01252 326514 or 01276 474056
WEY VOICES	Tel: 01932 857520

ENIGMA THEATRE : AUDITIONS: 'ROSENCRANTZ and GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD'

Enigma Theatre is looking for actors to take part in its first production; **Tom Stoppard's 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead'**. To be performed at Riverhouse in June 2012, the play is witty and stimulating, with a wide range of characters. Actors should be at least 14 years of age, but there is no upper age limit. Auditions will be held in January, in the local area – please contact **Stephen Willis** for further information.

Contact: Stephen Willis on 020 82241036

Email: stephen.a.willis@gmail.com



DESBOROUGH PLAYERS : ALADDIN

Desborough Players present the classic Christmas pantomime – **Aladdin** – directed by **Jane Cairns** and written by **Alan P Frayn**.

Dates: 7th – 8th January

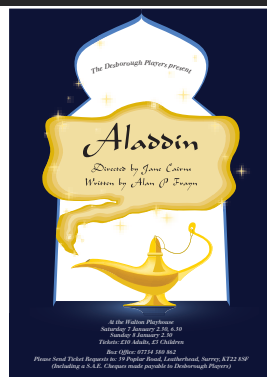
Times: 6:30pm each evening AND
2:30pm on 7th January

Venue: Walton Playhouse

Tickets: £10 (Children £5)

Box Office: 07754 580 862

Postal requests to 39 Poplar Road,
Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8SF
(include S.A.E. and cheque made
payable to Desborough Players)



COBHAM PLAYERS present: "TREASURE ISLAND"

This version, by **Toby Bradford** and **Tina Webster**, is a high octane romp based on the classic pirate adventure. All the familiar characters are here - the hero Jim Hawkins and his mother Ma Hawkins, the hero Jim Hawkins and his mother Ma Hawkins, the dim-witted Brass and Knuckles, Squire Trelawney and his lovely daughter, Felicity and of course the famed pirate and renowned baddie, Long John Silver who, apart from one leg, has an over-sized, sarcastic parrot. Finally there is Robinson Crusoe, desperately trying not to be rescued, having spent the treasure turning the island into a casino and nightspot. Cue big cabaret ending!!!!

There will be lots of swashbuckling fun and of course, glamour with Gin Friday – and Girls Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday!!

Dates: 12th, 13th & 14th January

Times: 7:30pm PLUS Saturday matinee 2:30pm

Venue: Cobham Village Hall, Lushington Drive, Cobham KT11 2LU

Tickets: £8, to include a £1 donation to charity (£7 for 10+ booked together for same night)

Box Office: 01932 862903 and The Cobham Bookshop, 12a Anyards Road, Cobham

Web: www.cobhamplayers.org.uk

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**Claygate
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Claygate Dramatic Society Presents Aladdin

While retaining many of the traditional attractions of pantomime there are lots of innovations including much audience participation. Set in both China and Egypt, it promises to be full of action, suspense and FUN.

Dates: 19th, 20th, 21st Jan 2012

Time: 7.45pm Thurs and Fri; 1.45pm, 4.45pm, 8pm Sat

Venue: Claygate Village Hall

Tickets: £9 (children 14 and under £6), Family ticket £25

Box Office: 01372 464677

Web: www.claygatedramaticsociety.co.uk



THEATRE ACTION presents:

PHOENIX RISING : D. H. LAWRENCE - SON & LOVER



Written and Directed by Campbell Kay

'Spellbinding!' - Sir Ian Holm

'This is a performance of great skill and dexterity - a totally absorbing portrayal not only as Lawrence but of the many characters who shaped his early life... consistently entertaining and, ultimately, profoundly moving.' - **BBC Radio**

'Paul Slack gives a totally absorbing performance in this moving and skilfully scripted piece' - **Sir Derek Jacobi**

It is 1928; Ille de Port-Cros, Var, France. D. H. Lawrence is a very ill man fulminating against the dying of the light. In a series of animated snap-shots, Lawrence presents the personalities and events which shaped his early life. A portrait emerges of a man able to view his life with a mixture of pathos and good humour – not the serious persona implied in his writings nor the puritan sage of his biographers.

Date: 3rd February

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Riverhouse

Tickets: £14 (£12 students and OAP's)

Box Office: 01932 253354

Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

FAST and LOOSE THEATRE COMPANY:

“MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING” by William Shakespeare

'I do love nothing in the world so well as you, is not that strange?'

As the troops come home from the war, two old adversaries - Beatrice and Benedick - resume their own private hostilities. To bring these two together will take the Commander's greatest strategic skills. Shakespeare's comedy of wit, deceit and unlikely romance is here set among the spivs, home front and returning heroes of World War II. Directed by **David Cottis**.

Date: 15th – 18th February

Time: 7:30pm and Sat. mat. at 2:30pm

Venue: Riverhouse

Tickets £13 (£12 concessions)

Box Office: 01932 253354 and boxoffice@riverhousebarn.co.uk





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presents

Rodgers & Hammerstein's
The Sound Of Music
 at

The Playhouse, Walton-on-Thames
24th - 28th January 2012

Directed by Carol Andrew

A golden age of musical theatre came to an end with The Sound of Music; for this was the last and greatest hit from the Rogers and Hammerstein partnership.

The motion picture starred local girl – now Dame - Julie Andrews. Don't miss this opportunity to see EYT performing this classic musical on the very same stage Dame Julie trod in her childhood!

Dates: 24th – 28th January
Times: Evening 7:30pm; Saturday Matinee 2:30pm
Venue: Walton Playhouse
Tickets: 24th – Special preview evening – all tickets £5
 25th – 28th Tier from £12 / Floor seating from £10
Box Office: 07905 936289

elmbridgeyouththeatre@ntlworld.com
www.elmbridgeyouththeatre.org.uk

This production is dedicated to the memory of

Richard Davis

EYT's co-founder, who sadly passed away just before rehearsals began.

FRANK WURZINGER : "THE CONFETTI MAKER"

Frank Wurzinger's new solo show, 'The Confetti Maker', is a day in the life of a full-time confetti factory worker. Full of optimism, he pursues his profession: making confetti; cutting, perforating, shredding - all day, every day - but he has ambitions, dreams and fears far beyond the factory life. Romance ... love ... family ... 'The Confetti Maker' is a highly visual piece. It combines slapstick, puppetry, absurd storytelling, improvisation and, of course, lots of small bits of paper, which are expertly woven into a humorous, yet poignant show.



Date: 2nd March

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Riverhouse

Tickets: £14 (£12 students and OAP's)

Box Office: 01932 253354

Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

ROSEMARY BRANCH THEATRE : SENSE & SENSIBILITY

The Award-Winning Rosemary Branch Theatre in association with Tennyson's Quirk and Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud Theatre presents **Sense & Sensibility** - Jane Austen's classic story of two sisters and their search for love in a society bound by financial fortune. Elinor keeps her head, Marianne loses her heart in this comedy of manners and marriage, with beautiful imagery, original music, humour and heartbreak. Time Out's Critic's Choice for last year's tour "Madame Bovary: Breakfast with Emma"



Date: 23rd March

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall

Tickets: £12.50

Box Office: 0844 884 8832

Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

THE BARN THEATRE CLUB



The Barn Theatre has been providing first class musical and dramatic productions for over forty years to a large and appreciative audience. This bijou theatre is a unique experience not to be missed. A licensed bar is available along with the opportunity to have a two course dinner before the performance.

Tickets can only be purchased by a Barn Theatre Member. Take the opportunity of becoming a member when requesting tickets. Members receive regular newsletters, production details, social events and activities.

For all information on membership, future productions, rehearsal information, auditions and much more call **Maggs Latter** on **01932 227949** or email maggs latter@gmail.com

Future Productions:

WINTER ALLSORTS 2 - directed by June Bland

The first half comprises a specially commissioned Aladdin, written just for The Barn. The second half features seasonal songs, poetry and readings. Cast full of Barn regulars. Playing dates **4th-7th January 2012**, including a matinee on 7th January.

VOYAGE ROUND MY FATHER - by John Mortimer, directed by Steph Manuel.

Playing dates 28th-31st March 2012

ELMBRIDGE U3A - UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Unless otherwise stated, monthly meetings are held in Mole Hall, Walton Road West Molesey on the first Wednesday of the month.

Talks start at 2:30pm, doors open at 2:00pm to allow time for socialising before the talk.

Admission is £1, which includes a cup of tea and biscuit after the talk.

07 December - Lifeboats & the RNLI - Ken Kingham

A colourful overview of one of Britain's most respected charitable organisations.

01 February - Why Physics Was Fun - Roger Hunt

A former physicist at the National Physical Laboratory and now a member of Elmbridge U3A, will repeat the fascinating experiments he performed as a schoolboy in the 50s and 60s.

07 March – 33 Years as a Magistrate – Rev Ray Bones

For more information about Elmbridge U3A visit www.u3asites.org.uk/elmbridge or call 020 8398 6463

AN EVENING WITH ... HANNAH GORDON



Riverhouse is delighted to welcome Hannah back to The Barn for this 'friends of Riverhouse' fundraising event. Over the years, she has starred in countless stage, television and radio productions as well as appearing in several major films. Recently, she also turned her hand to presenting with the hugely-popular Watercolour Challenge. She is also a superb interpreter of prose and poetry and during this very special evening she will be reading a selection of her own favourite pieces after which there will be a question and answer session with the audience

during which she talk about her career and her work. Not to be missed.

Date:	8th January	Time:	7:30pm
Venue:	Riverhouse	Tickets:	£15
Box Office:	01932 253354	Web:	www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

GRANTS AWARDED - JULY 2011

At their Board meeting in July, our Trustees awarded grants to:

Schools Fund:	Esher College; Rydens School
Project Grants – Organisations:	Monkey Theatre Company; Promenade Choirs; SOMM Recordings, Walton & Weybridge Advocacy Group, Walton Business Group
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